



Edible St Austell Survey Responses

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Methodology

Survey responses have been collected online, at local events and in local stores from October 2017 - February 2019.

We asked participants:

1. *Do you live in St Austell?*
This was a single option check box.
2. *What do you enjoy most about living in St Austell?*
Answer in an open paragraph space.
3. *What would you do to improve your neighbourhood?*
Answer in an open paragraph space.
4. *'I regularly stop and talk with people in my neighbourhood'*
Linear scale: strongly agree 1-5 strongly disagree.
5. *'I feel like I belong in this neighbourhood'*
Linear scale: strongly agree 1-5 strongly disagree.
6. *On average, how many portions of fruit or veg do you eat in a day?*
Picking 1 of 6 options, 0,1,2,3,4,5+
7. *Do you grow your own?*
Linear scale: yes, lots 1-5 none at all.
8. *Do you forage for food?*
Linear scale: yes, lots 1-5 not at all.
9. *What obstacles stop or reduce the amount of growing or foraging you do?*
A selection of 11 check boxes, including 'other' with space to elaborate.
10. *Would you be happy to pick food from a shared/ public space?*
Pick one of: yes, no, maybe.
11. *If no or maybe (to the previous question) please say why...*
An open space to elaborate.

Results

The survey received a total of 211 responses during this 17-month period, 198 of these responses were from St Austell residents. Figures 1-11 display the results from the Edible St Austell survey. Full responses are visible in the Appendix. Names and personal information have been removed to preserve anonymity.

Do you live in St Austell?
211 responses

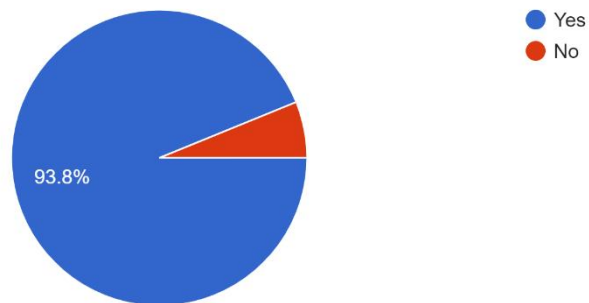


Figure 1 Graph showing results for Q1

'I regularly stop and talk with people in my neighbourhood.'
211 responses

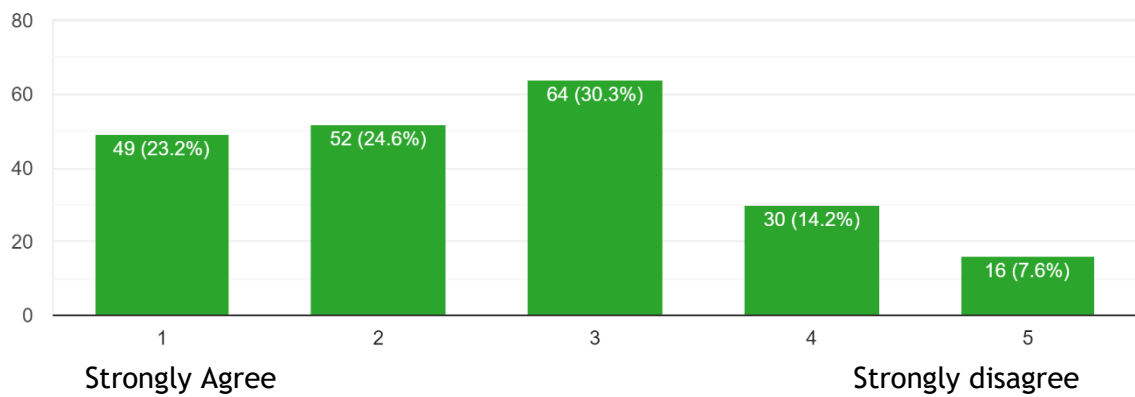


Figure 2 Graph showing results for Q2

'I feel like I belong in this neighbourhood'

210 responses

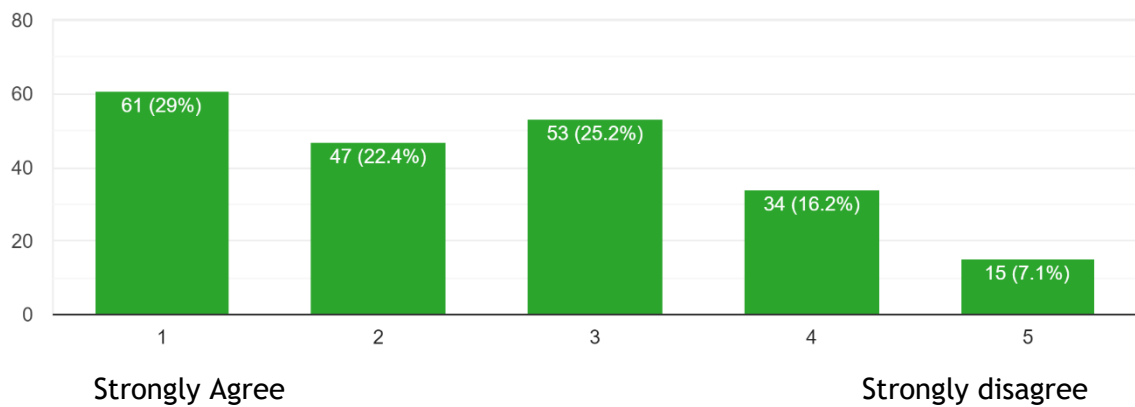


Figure 1 Graph showing results for Q3

What do you enjoy most about living in St Austell?

Area	Number of mentions
Natural environment	96
The people	54
Way of life	6
Nothing	16
Location & transport links	34
Shops & amenities	42
Local culture & history	14



Figure 2 Word cloud showing results for Q4 from 189 responses

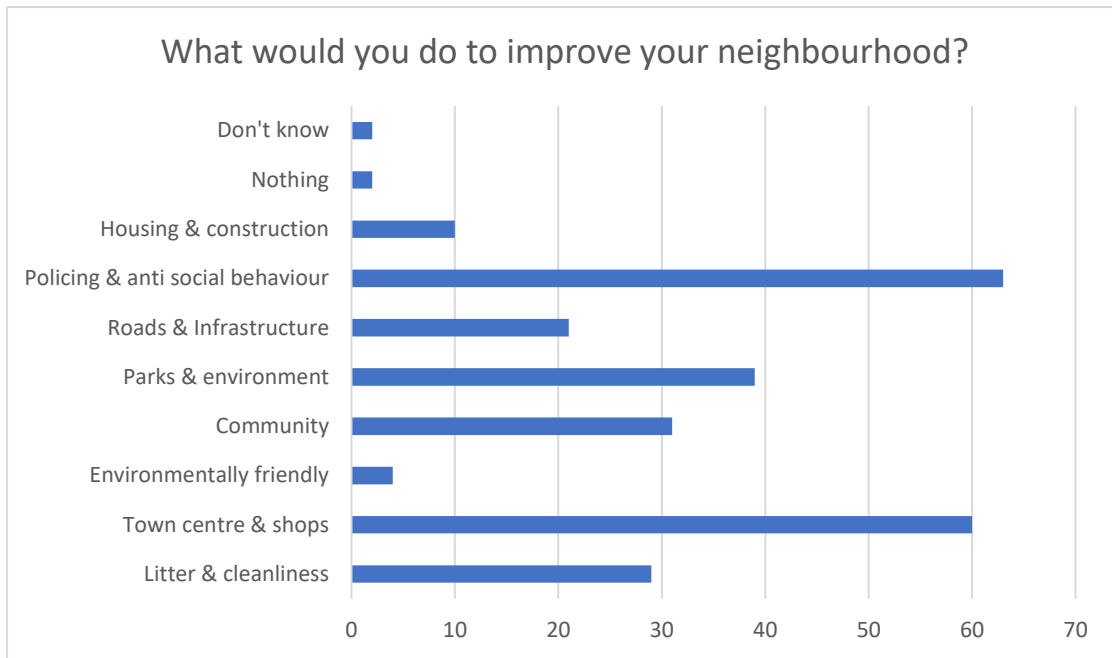


Figure 3 Graph showing results for Q5

On average, how many portions of fruit or veg do you eat in a day?

193 responses

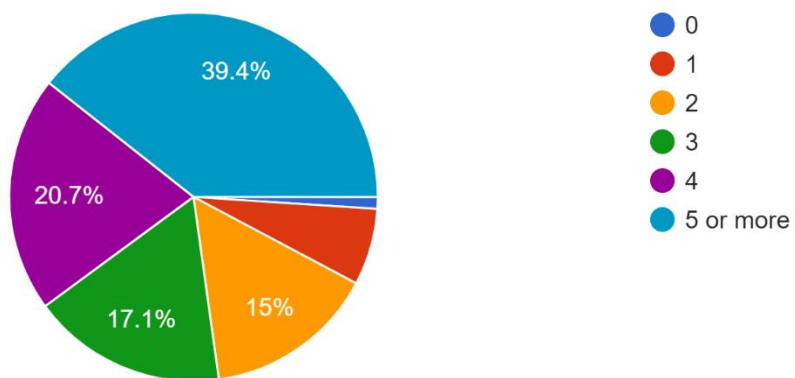


Figure 4 Chart showing results for Q6

Do you grow your own?

211 responses

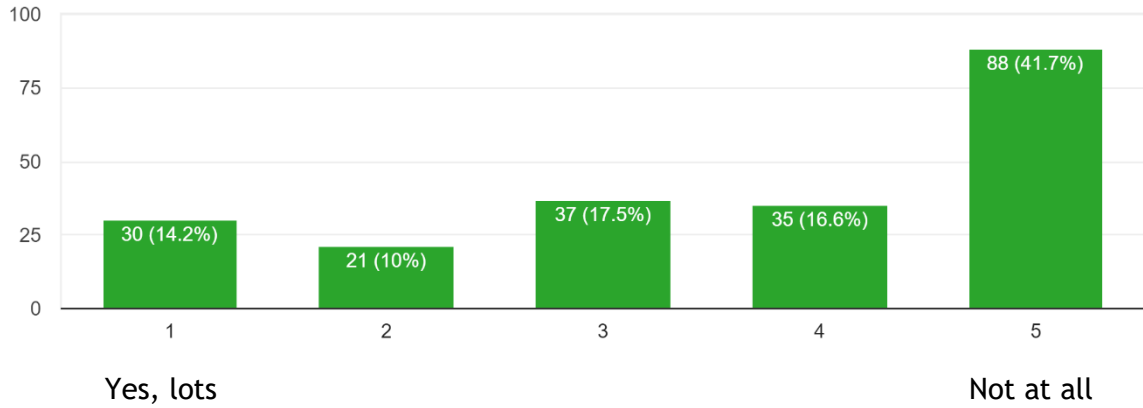


Figure 5 Graph showing results for Q7

Do you forage for food?

210 responses

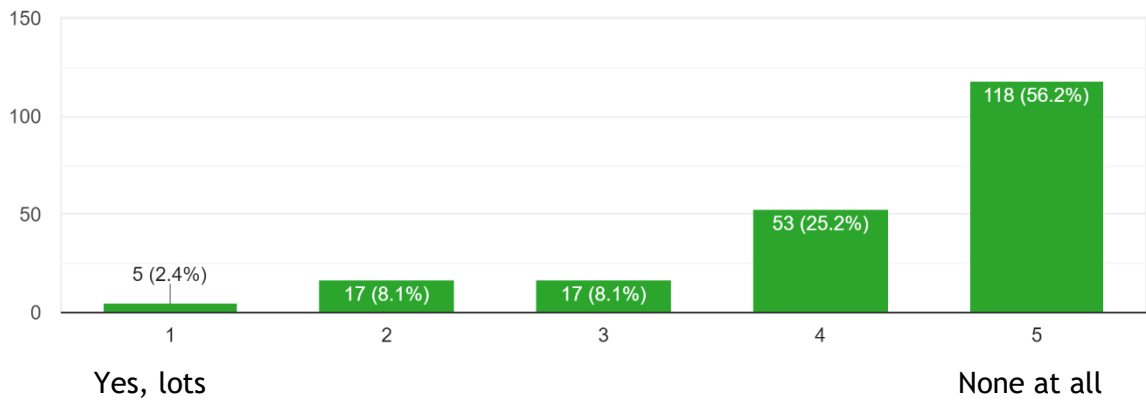


Figure 6 Graph showing results for Q8

What obstacles stop, or reduce, the amount of growing or foraging you do? Tick all that apply
 206 responses

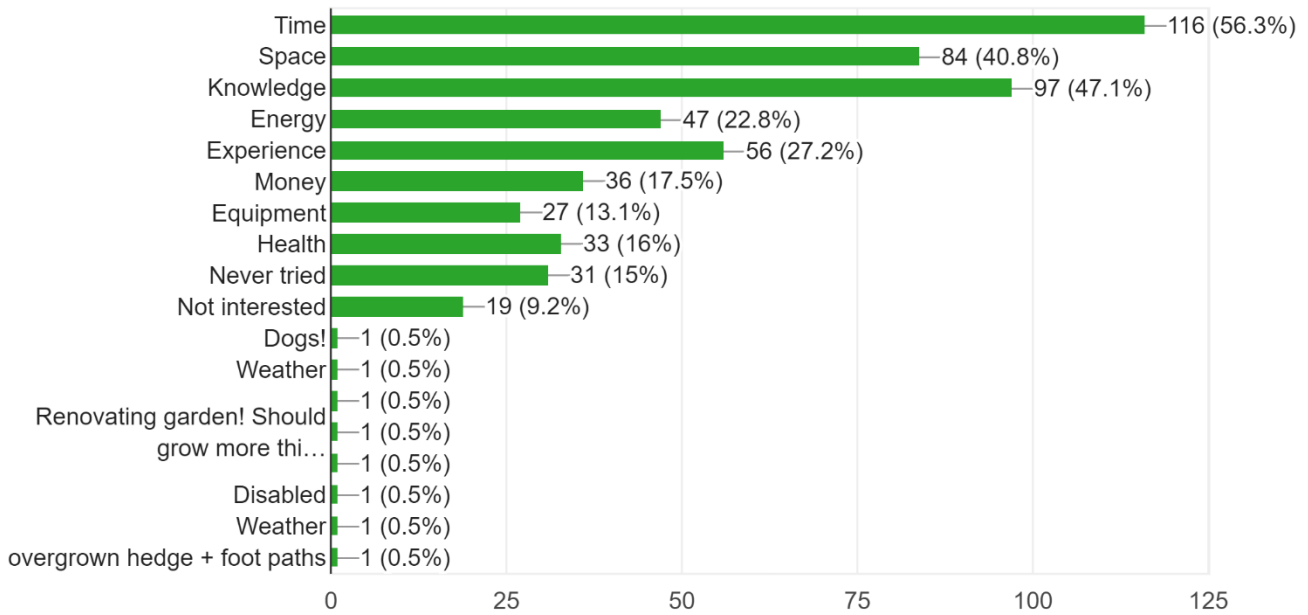


Figure 7 Graph showing results for Q9

Would you be happy to pick food from a shared/ public space?
 211 responses

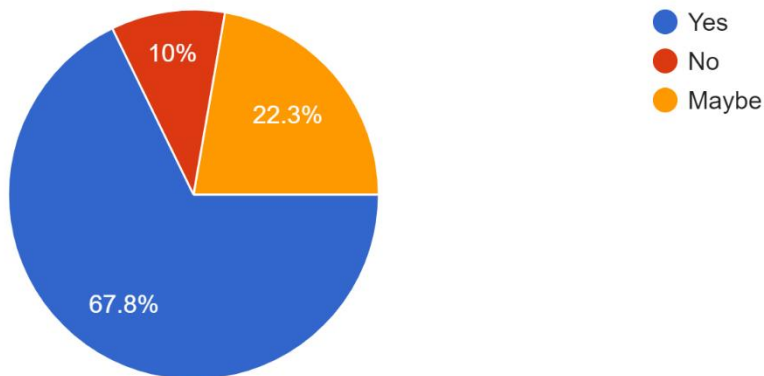


Figure 8 Chart showing results for Q10

If no or maybe, please explain why...

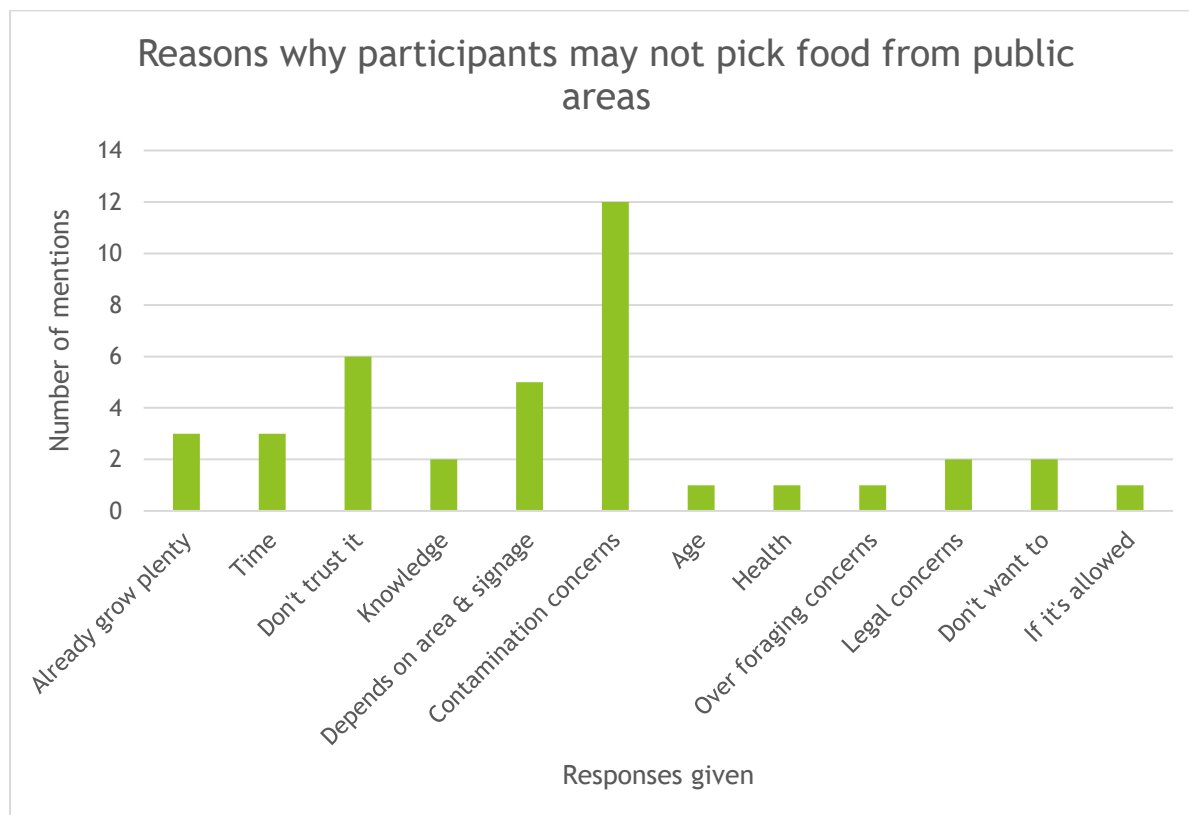


Figure 9 Graph showing results for Q11

Any other thoughts you have about St Austell, gardening or community growing...

<i>Good idea for some</i>
<i>Fantastic idea, it would give people the opportunity to learn and to go onto do more themselves.</i>
<i>I was born in St Austell almost 50 years ago, never lived anywhere else, nor wanted to. Sadly, it is falling into decline with the town centre becoming a ghost town and i (as a female) no longer always feel safe when i am walking the streets on my own. I never come into town in the dark anymore unless i am with others, and i am wary during daylight hours, preferring to shop in Truro instead where i feel safer. The community growing, i feel, is a really good incentive to build a sense of community within the town and maybe bring people together for a communal good as well as helping to provide a form of sustenance that some people within our society may find difficult to access otherwise. However, there are some other issues that need to</i>

<i>be addressed within the town in order for people to feel safe when indulging in the activity.</i>
<i>A great opportunity - good luck!</i>
<i>All the neglected gardens in so many houses should be put to good use by their residents unless health issues so prevents them</i>
<i>There is so much negativity. We have so much to be proud of in the area, it's such a shame the negative voices are the loudest</i>
<i>Friendship, gaining knowledge.</i>
<i>I'd love to be able to pass on spare seedlings & plants if this is something you can facilitate?</i>
<i>It's an amazing place that needs ethical investment and long term plans, the good atmosphere is already in abundance, it just needs a bit more help and it could be amazing.</i>
<i>I used to help at a community garden but didn't meet people and found too much politics. Would love to be involved in something social especially if I could involve my children</i>
<i>Share garden space</i>
<i>Only lived here a short while. Next year hope to be involved with community projects...</i>
<i>Sounds like a great idea if done correctly. There are far too few allotments available or free help/education for anyone wanting to grow their own goods.</i>
<i>No downside to it. Less tsk about things and more action</i>
<i>We need to do more, why not talk to the Town Council about the opportunity</i>
<i>A really good idea.</i>
<i>Being able to share meals to teach each other how to use produce would be helpful</i>
<i>A really good idea.</i>
<i>This is such an important movement across the world, returning to a more natural and cohesive way of being as a community. It is exciting that you are making this happen in my home town!</i>

<p><i>Think it's a fantastic idea, I would be happy to work alongside you if needed to support volunteers with their personal development, employment and enterprise needs..as a cic we have delivered projects around food, growing and cooking to help people improve their health.</i></p>
<p><i>I live gardening but have very little time. I admire and envy those that can.</i></p>
<p><i>This is already part of a plan which is supported by Sabef, the town council, Eden asking all of the local garden attractions. It needs public support.</i></p>
<p><i>Would like a strip of land nearby my home to either share/cultivate for growing vegetables. It would have to be within a mile of my home, no further. Also would like an allotment, or small secure place to put tools, ie. Spade, fork etc.,</i></p>
<p><i>I suggested to Mount Charles school that if they do split the public park field next to the school (as they are campaigning to the council to make happen), and half is used for the school and half for the public, then the side strip of land by it, which is shrubs, should be replaced by fruit trees, which people can't hide in amongst and drink etc. so you feel safer walking up there, and would be good for children to see how fruit grows. Plus, free food for picking.</i></p>
<p><i>St austell needs more community projects.</i></p>
<p><i>We need to encourage some quality shops to come to the town centre, at present we are a bargain basement. Please no more houses. And yes find more allotment spaces with an outlet for their produce for the average person to buy, not the owners of Chinese takeaways, and find a couple of local fishermen to do the same, we have no access to fresh fish in St.Austell, and don't preach supermarkets at me, its not fresh...like off the boat at Meva. Encourage all the farms around us to have a space in the town for some of their produce rather than have it going back to nature in the fields, or one percent of what they grow to sell go to a farm shop type space, how many apples and pears are rotting under trees at this moment in people's gardens.</i></p>
<p><i>I don't think to many do it</i></p>
<p><i>Sounds a great project</i></p>
<p><i>I would love a community garden. I applied for an allotment 9 years ago and never had anything offered.</i></p>
<p><i>Need more allotments or community gardens</i></p>
<p><i>Brilliant way of including and educating children as well as adults</i></p>
<p><i>I enjoy my veg bag from People and Gardens. I have no time to help as am full time carer, but would be willing to buy from a community veg garden.</i></p>

<i>Would be happy for our too large garden to be used by the community for food growing</i>
<i>Any help is welcome.</i>
<i>Good luck. Until this town is rid of the criminal element, it just ain't going to happen. (Before you think I am too negative, I tried to tidy up bits of the town on my own, litter picking etc, and all I received was abuse)</i>
<i>More development, think more about young generations!</i>
<i>I'd love a Gardening Club in St Austell with an annual 'Show' possibly in September and monthly meetings with speakers/social/discount purchases etd</i>
<i>I think you need a open air market and help local businesses like farmers markets. Maybe put on some free busses to get tourist around and better advertising</i>
<i>Parking at the library is a joke!</i>
<i>Be lovely if everyone looked after the area directly outside their home - keeping it swept, weed and litter free - it would make such a difference!</i>
<i>Great idea.... but this is St Austell, any food garden would need big fences to keep out kids, kids and dogs, dogs with lazy adults and more dogs.</i>
<i>A public garden would be good if it was managed correctly not allowing it to become over run with youths, More events could be set up in and around the town, public stalls and even beach days, public outings and community evenings in the local pubs ect</i>
<i>Community growing would be an excellent project. If areas could be found for growing edibles it could benefit so many and help build community spirit</i>
<i>I want to meet people but everything is in Falmouth or Newquay (takes a long time to get to on public transport) There's conversation groups, women's wellbeing or social groups and businesses groups but I can't find anything here so often feel isolated.</i>
<i>We tried grow friut and veg for the community in Lostwood garden but it got vandalised or rotted.</i>
<i>I think there should be little facts about st Austell placed around the town for people to read. I think more flowers and community projects for people to get involved with. More police presence with the homeless pandemic. More independent shops (would probably help if the rent was lowered in all the non vacant shops...which have been vacant for a very long time)</i>

<i>I think a community growing space would be a very positive experience to bring people together</i>
<i>It's a good idea if you can do it</i>
<i>Sounds like a good idea and because we like to eat a lot of fruit and veg I feel we could benefit from it.</i>
<i>I have seen how wonderful the shared garden is in Par and how the locals all help out to keep it maintained. It's wonderful for children to see learn and u understand where our food comes from. With Brexit looming I think it's a great idea that we all try a bit harder to look after ourselves in regards to food as food prices are bound to rise for a while.</i>
<i>It's a god idea but we need more than that. We need more investments in St Austell to bring it to XXI century!</i>
<i>I have a square area of grass in front my house that is council owned...any advice about how this could be transformed into a shared growing space?</i>
<i>A place to share spare seedling/plants would be good</i>
<i>How would you protect the area from being damaged</i>
<i>It's a great idea, glad it's happening</i>
<i>St Austell has fantastic trees</i>
<i>How do I keep updated would like to learn more about foraging</i>
<i>I would like up he involved in community growing and sharing food and ways of preparing and using food and edibles</i>
<i>Think it's a great idea!</i>
<i>I think a community garden could be a place for people to gather and to build community spirit.</i>
<i>Having something within walking distance would be amazing, and making it family friendly as the children would love to get more involved in growing fruit, veg and flowers. Promoting environmental issues such as the impact of single use plastic. Maybe link the community growing project to STAK so that some of the produce can be donated to make meals for the homeless.</i>
<i>I donate money when I pick veg. at Par community garden</i>
<i>Good idea</i>
<i>People also need to be taught how to cook from scratch first! Don't put them off with fancy recipes start with basics.</i>
<i>Fabulous idea but would need to be monitored to ensure fairly used.</i>

<i>I think that if well organised- reaching out to whole community- then this would be a good thing.</i>
<i>I am particularly interested in making better open/ green space for the town. If you want to have a chat about what the town council can do, especially the idea of growing food in town spaces contact me.</i>
<i>Gooseberries</i>
<i>fantastic idea to get to meet people, learn new skills + teach others yours</i>

Conclusion

We intend to use these results to ensure our project is meeting a local need as well as to support and inform our work in the development of Edible St Austell. As over 93% of the responses are from St Austell residents, we can feel confident in the relevance of responses.

Questions 2-5: ‘What do you enjoy most about living in St Austell?’; ‘What would you do to improve your neighbourhood?’; ‘I regularly stop and talk with people in my neighbourhood’ and ‘I feel like I belong in this neighbourhood’, are intended to gauge responders feelings about their neighbourhoods. We will repeat these questions in further surveys to monitor changes. Most responses identified aspects of the natural environment, particularly local beaches, as their favourite thing about living in St Austell.

Of 193, 39.4% of respondents said they eat 5 or more fruits and vegetables per day, in line with the NHS recommendations. We asked how much food residents grew themselves or foraged for in questions 7-8. Of those who responded 41.7% don’t grow any food at all and 56.2% don’t forage at all. To inform this answer we asked what obstacles prevent people growing or foraging. Time, knowledge and space were the most common answers.

Question 10, ‘would you be happy to pick food from a shared/public space’ and question 11, ‘if no or maybe, please explain why’, are extremely important to Edible St Austell’s community growing. 67.8% of 211 responded yes, 32.2% said no or maybe. Identifying that most respond positively is an encouraging start to the project. Our hope is to address the concerns raised in question 11 to encourage more community involvement and enjoyment of our planting. Contamination was identified as the greatest area of concern; it was mentioned 12 times. Also noted were time, knowledge, clarity of signage, age, health, over foraging, legal concerns, lack of trust and conditional sentiments. We can broadly group these responses into 2 categories, those Edible St Austell can address and those we cannot.

Unfortunately, we cannot reduce anyone’s age or improve their mobility. However, our goal is to plant edible street trees all across St Austell, rather than in one location. In this way, we hope that our plantings will be easily accessible to most residents. Concerns about contamination are valid, though again, we cannot control the behaviours of others

or their pets. Our current phase focuses on planting fruit trees so the fruit itself should remain uncontaminated. We have done some research into pollution effects on fruit and also see little cause for concern. Because of previous experience growing in similar ground, we haven't explored possible soil contamination due to mining history. However, these are both interesting areas which we intend to explore further.

Edible St Austell can make it a priority to share our knowledge and experience, both to develop horticultural confidence and to educate the public around land use and foraging laws. Keeping the areas tidy and well maintained with clear signage - including making it clear these are for public picking are now high priorities for Edible St Austell. Hopefully these actions will help to educate the public about our project and encourage them to take part - especially in helping themselves to fruit, as well as address any concerns about how 'dodgy' it is.

Having completed this baseline survey Edible St Austell propose conducting another, using the same questions, in 2021 after the 3rd season of planting.

Appendix

Full responses for: what do you enjoy most about living in St Austell?

<i>Everything</i>
<i>Nothing anymore</i>
<i>The sea, the countryside, laid back lifestyle.</i>
<i>The way of life, less stress than city living</i>
<i>Nothing</i>
<i>People are friendly, there is little crime. St Austell is very green.</i>
<i>The people and the beaches</i>
<i>The people and the views</i>
<i>I am Cornish love the coast not st Austell itself</i>
<i>Everything I need is close at hand</i>
<i>I dont</i>
<i>The closeness to all of the lovely places in Cornwall.</i>
<i>Being close to the sea.</i>
<i>I live in Sticker so technically outside of the main town, however I go into St Austell at least once a week for shopping, errands etc. I enjoy the size of the town, its very walkable which is handy as I dont drive. There are so many interesting things going on in the town if you are willing to seek them out, and there is a huge amount of potential for even more exciting events, businesses and projects.</i>
<i>Location for beaches</i>
<i>Beaches</i>
<i>Beaches . Good neighbours . choice of supermarkets . Buses.</i>
<i>Not anymore</i>
<i>It's my home!</i>
<i>Easy access to shops and station</i>
<i>Coast</i>

<i>I don't enjoy living here</i>
<i>Access to amenities, proximity to countryside/beaches</i>
<i>The surrounding landscape and friendly people, that and its not been bastardised by big corporations looking for quick buck.</i>
<i>Location</i>
<i>Shops, transport and entertainment in walking distance of my home</i>
<i>Our villages sense of community</i>
<i>Not a lot</i>
<i>Living near the sea and outdoor space for my children</i>
<i>The people, the atmosphere and the sea being so close by. Loved the floral displays and the white river events.</i>
<i>It's where my family and friends are.</i>
<i>Everything is so close together easy to walk around</i>
<i>Friendly</i>
<i>Close proximity to walks, beaches, etc</i>
<i>Near the sea</i>
<i>Beaches - near the A30 - community-based groups - like Becky's fitness - southwest in bloom competition that brightens up the town and local places</i>
<i>Pace of life, beauty of the area, friendliness.</i>
<i>My friends and family being close by</i>
<i>Central location. Reasonable house prices. Friendly rugby club</i>
<i>Being close to shops doctors Ambulance fire and police.</i>
<i>The opportunity to build a great caring community</i>
<i>The friendliness of the people. A strong sense of community despite negativity</i>
<i>Central position to various beaches and natural environment</i>
<i>Being near family, in a beautiful town (fab architecture, church etc), and with amazing natural surroundings</i>
<i>Diversity and friendliness</i>

<p><i>How friendly the "real" local people are and if you are born and bred here or have been to school here you are always made to feel you belong in the community. There is support here for people who,are proud of their roots.</i></p> <p><i>Also the obvious beauty of our surrounding areas, beaches, harbours, woodland etc but we like to keep,that secret....we don't want too many people invading what we love, hee hee</i></p>
<i>Convenient position in Cornwall and my Mum lives here.</i>
<i>Good road links</i>
<i>Good road links</i>
<i>Public transport, near beaches and harbours</i>
<i>Near the coast.</i>
<i>The location</i>
<i>I don't</i>
<i>The sense of community</i>
<i>central for lots of good places, and good for families</i>
<i>Central</i>
<i>Closeness to beaches and woodland walks</i>
<i>Happy people</i>
<i>Its central</i>
<i>I was born here</i>
<i>Living in such a beautiful place</i>
<i>i have made loads of friends and we all look out for each other</i>
<i>I don't it's rubbish</i>
<i>Friendly place. It's got everything I need.</i>
<i>Access to quiet beaches and cycle trails. The local gardens and annual passes</i>
<i>that we live in the suburb of Tregrehan</i>
<i>It's location to beaches and gardens</i>
<i>Central location close to beaches</i>
<i>It's a town and near the sea</i>
<i>Living close to the sea</i>
<i>Living close to the sea</i>

<i>I meet lots of people I know in town.</i>
<i>I live 5 minutes walk to the beach! My area is beautiful to live with friendly neighbours</i>
<i>The view from my walk to work & from my house</i>
<i>Community</i>
<i>The historical building - at least one ones that have not been destroyed.</i>
<i>Nothing</i>
<i>I'm proud to be from St Austell. The history of the clay etc is great. Bring close to beaches as well as the countryside.</i>
<i>Being close to town and station.</i>
<i>everything on my doorstep</i>
<i>The scenery</i>
<i>Location to beaches & walks</i>
<i>My friends</i>
<i>there is always something going on somewhere</i>
<i>Nice area</i>
<i>Being close to lovely beaches, close to work, shops in walking distance</i>
<i>Quick and easy to get round.</i>
<i>not a lot.</i>
<i>I live just outside but it's always my preferred shopping place as it has a nice friendly atmosphere and some good shops</i>
<i>It's near the beach</i>
<i>Everything is on your doorstep. From good local school, to the beach, and local amenities.</i>
<i>Close to all amenities</i>
<i>Nothing</i>
<i>It's location</i>
<i>The scenery</i>
<i>I know my way around.</i>
<i>Close to work and the beach</i>

<i>Its location and the sense that people want to see positive change in the area.</i>
<i>Sense of community</i>
<i>Living close to all the amenities. Shops, cinema, supermarkets etc</i>
<i>The green spaces, parks.</i>
<i>Usually quiet, with good walks down to Charlestown and through the parks.</i>
<i>Beautiful countryside including woods and heathland</i>
<i>Everything is close by.</i>
<i>Not sure</i>
<i>Coast</i>
<i>Beaches</i>
<i>Daughters school</i>
<i>Locality</i>
<i>The people</i>
<i>Family, schools and work close by</i>
<i>Currently the planting of many beautiful flowers on the roundabouts and surrounding areas!</i>
<i>I live in Gorran which has an amazing community spirit</i>
<i>Close to both sea and countryside</i>
<i>Being close to my work, bus and rail station is all that I enjoy about living in St Austell.</i>
<i>It is close to lots of beaches and other beautiful attractions</i>
<i>Being quite close to the train station (although I drive, I do like getting public transport, especially if i want to go somewhere else for a drink), being close to the beach, having a few shops, restaurants and bars around instead of being stuck in the middle of nowhere.</i>
<i>Variety of landscapes , from coastal area and beaches, to hills and woodlands.</i>
<i>The coast</i>
<i>Being outside walking around and being near the sea x</i>
<i>Space</i>

<i>Wheal Martyn menacuddle well church , market house</i>
<i>Proximity to beaches</i>
<i>Close amenities</i>
<i>Convenience of shops and close by gardens and attractions</i>
<i>Small friendly</i>
<i>Community</i>
<i>Closeness to the beach</i>
<i>The surrounding area</i>
<i>Close to network roads</i>
<i>Fresh air and easy access to some great places</i>
<i>It's has everything I need</i>
<i>Central location in the county</i>
<i>It's a nice place most people are friendly.</i>
<i>The people and the scenery</i>
<i>Being close to some lovely beaches, walks, Heligan and Eden</i>
<i>It canit get much worse</i>
<i>Shops. Culture. Family history</i>
<i>Mostly friendly people and a fairly relaxed way of life. Lots of groups to belong to.</i>
<i>Seeing my family shopping got a better asda</i>
<i>I'm a local, so being close to family.</i>
<i>Clean and close to the sea</i>
<i>Everything is on my doorstep!</i>
<i>Community</i>
<i>The sea</i>
<i>The beach and the village atmospheres</i>
<i>Location. Close enough to main facilities without being right in the centre of town. Walking distance to both countryside and coast.</i>
<i>Location to gym and close to beaches</i>
<i>Living just on the outskirts</i>

<i>Being in Cornwall. Local environment. Central location</i>
<i>The surrounding area</i>
<i>The landscape and the people</i>
<i>Born here!</i>
<i>Not much, pasties</i>
<i>Shops</i>
<i>Nothing</i>
<i>Shops</i>
<i>The depressing weather</i>
<i>Friendly people & lots of things to do</i>
<i>People try hard - + optimism</i>
<i>Close to the sea</i>
<i>Beautiful area. Central in Cornwall with good links to other parts and also to London.</i>
<i>The surrounding area's greening & its friendliness</i>
<i>Environment</i>
<i>Being close to shops/ coast</i>
<i>There is lots of beautiful flowers and greenery</i>
<i>The mild winter - the lovely people</i>
<i>History, convenience to shops, floral displays in W. River</i>
<i>Openess</i>
<i>Lovely walking & setting</i>
<i>Because I belong - I was born here - 81 years ago!</i>
<i>the people + compactness of the facilities</i>
<i>Not much sadly</i>
<i>flowers</i>
<i>yes</i>
<i>The heart of Cornwall. It has everything!</i>
<i>Rural</i>
<i>Eden, Heligan, beaches</i>

<i>Live near friends & the sea</i>
<i>Beaches and countryside</i>
<i>It's laid back + by the sea</i>

Full responses for: what would you do to improve your neighbourhood?

<i>Can't think with all the cut backs</i>
<i>Remove families sent from inner cities</i>
<i>Less litter.</i>
<i>Do something about the homeless and drug addicts that are begging for money in the centre of town every time i go shopping</i>
<i>Get rid of drunks, abusive and doped up people</i>
<i>More plants in Woodland Road Park, more trees, a community garden?</i>
<i>More community events</i>
<i>Get some control on the speeding traffic on Phernyssick or St Pirans corner</i>
<i>Less housl got and decent shops in the town instead of all this crap we seem to get</i>
<i>I have been running community orientated groups</i>
<i>More policing</i>
<i>Revival of the town centre and the clay country. Helping to clean up the homeless problem and those less fortunate than most.</i>
<i>Less litter, better drivers, more parental control with young people.</i>
<i>I would like to encourage people to be more positive about the town, the focus needs to shift from the negative rhetoric that the town is full of crime and dodgy people. Its simply not the case, there will always be people in our communities who fall off the tracks and need some help and assistance. We should be extending love, care and compassion to those people rather than hate and anger.</i>
<i>More community awareness</i>
<i>Litter</i>
<i>Need a large store, e.g. Marks, next, H & M. Don't want to go to Truro</i>
<i>To feel safe at night</i>
<i>I'd love to reduce the amount of traffic!</i>

<i>Make it more of a community and reduce crime by cracking down on drugs etc</i>
<i>Less development</i>
<i>Tidy up get rid of dog mess</i>
<i>Something to improve the town centre, attract more businesses, improved play parks in surrounding areas.</i>
<i>Better and earlier information about local events, many we here of by chance through Facebook.</i>
<i>Clean up the residential street areas</i>
<i>Take away the druggies and improve town</i>
<i>A regular and reliable bus service. More small independent shops</i>
<i>Stop the drunks and druggies from ruining the area!</i>
<i>More local events</i>
<i>The drug takers etc who beg for money each time you go up high cross to bank and shops, less empty shops</i>
<i>Make it more appealing with the use of plants.</i>
<i>Get rid of the halfway houses to make it a safer place and not have to worry about walking home from work at silly hours</i>
<i>More community events like the ones at Treverbyn hall.</i>
<i>Better outdoor play areas for children.</i>
<i>Sort out drugs in town</i>
<i>Better shops in the local area and in town</i>
<i>Still early days but nothing of significance. We've moved from a town I'm the Midlands with far more concerns than here.</i>
<i>Better parks, better bus services and more frequent and varied routes, more doctors surgeries and not all within the same group, more support (and better communication about it) for disabled people and their carers, more police and less addicts/alcoholics/problem residents, more help for the homeless, greater food bank assistance for families, greater promotion of recycling with all-in-one wheelie bin style collections plus a collection bin for organic rubbish/food waste that can be composted it a community composting bank you can donate food stuffs and garden waste to and then take what you require for your personal use, more nhs dental provision, especially for children, more entertainment and leisure provision- and more varied. For starters.</i>

<i>More centralised events making people use the town centre</i>
<i>Needs cleaning up. People don't seem to care anymore.</i>
<i>Improve the parks and open space</i>
<i>Less or no negativity,</i>
<i>Get people interacting and helping each other</i>
<i>What you are doing - more plants everywhere! Recycling bins on the streets</i>
<i>Encourage enterprise & education</i>
<i>Close down Cosgarne Hall and relocate it to a more rural area. I am in agreement with the work that is being done there but it is in the wrong location and is wreaking havoc in our town. If the residents really want to get better, living so close to a supermarket selling alcohol and pubs within walking distance, meeting people who are selling drugs is surely not in their best interest. Also if a shop has been empty for more than a year give local businesses a free 6 month lease on that property (as long as they pay the council tax for services they are using) to get established ...better than letting it rot. If at the end of the 6 months they are making a profit then ask them to pay half the going rate, then after a year the full rate. Surely a win win for all?</i>
<i>Clean up the streets, grass verges, litter and close KFC....it stinks!</i>
<i>Destroy mcdonalds/kfc</i>
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<i>The alcoholics and druggies on the streets, untidy roundabouts, railway footbridge is an eyesore. Noise from the youngsters coming out of the club</i>
<i>Upgrade children's playgrounds.</i>
<i>Invest in the area. Bring better jobs here.</i>
<i>How long have you got</i>
<i>Would like my present landlord to change.</i>
<i>No more hostels for alcoholics & drug addicts, as we have our limit & it's feeling dangerous to let our children/ teens go anywhere by themselves. Definitely none near schools.</i>
<i>Awful litter, and the walk way to Asda is awful!</i>

<i>Lower shop rates and try to increase the amount of independent shops</i>
<i>Nothing</i>
<i>Could be more child friendly</i>
<i>Give our local school more parking space</i>
<i>Have road sweepers to make it more clearer</i>
<i>we have a disused park which could do with some new swings and other playground stuff</i>
<i>Blow the place up and start again</i>
<i>More live music</i>
<i>More social outdoor green space for community events in particular areas without risks of drug/alcohol problems</i>
<i>Get rid of druggies in town centre</i>
<i>More community projects especially for kids, parks, allotments, galleries</i>
<i>Clean the streets and pavements</i>
<i>More affordable housing and support for homeless people, and green spaces for people to enjoy</i>
<i>Improve opportunities for people to get together</i>
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<i>Less closed shop fronts!</i>
<i>More rubbish bins for pet owners !</i>
<i>Make it less chaotic at school collection and dropping off times</i>
<i>Beat Bobby</i>
<i>I would get Carclaze school out of the hands of the developers, ban wainhomes, and try to install some pride back in the people of st Austell. I would also get rid of that awful street art of orange bicycles and those scary paintings on the side of the old woolworths. I can't walk past them. They creep me out and give me nightmares. We also need to close the open prison in Belfield. It was supposed to be a sort or rehab/half way house for locals. It has become a festering cesspit, with real CRIMINALS being sentenced to "do their time" here from all over the country. Once they get here, they can walk out of Belfield as it is optional to stay there.</i>

<i>High street shops in town, put an Eden style dome over the town centre so people can go there when it's raining, more stylish restaurants, nice cocktail bars, develop Carlyon Bay beach</i>
<i>Stop building news homes and people who aren't Cornish moving here.</i>
<i>Better shops and restaurants</i>
<i>Find rural situations away from temptations with manual farmwork for those with drug and alcohol problems.</i>
<i>Like to have more variety on shops and the ability to learn new things in classes</i>
<i>Help the addicts & educate judgemental older generation</i>
<i>Get rid of the unpleasant people</i>
<i>I would reorganise the 2 roundabouts outside my home and make it a more sensible junction</i>
<i>Community involvement</i>
<i>play area for children</i>
<i>Don't need to do much in rescorla. But the town centre need shop rent dropping hopefully will bring in more retailers that would bring in more visitors and hopefully provide money to clean it all up and hopefully make it a lot safer instead of all homeless and drug addict on every corner.</i>
<i>clubs and meets for the elderly</i>
<i>Less empty shops</i>
<i>Have more shops Primark, M&S, Morrisons, more clubs for singles, crochet club, advertise in local paper where all the local bands are playing; a drumming club. Police patrolling more and visible. More activities in White River arcade, more stalls under cover White River Parking etc Thank you</i>
<i>Accept that the internet is taking over the world, and instead enjoy our towns as places to enjoy ourselves in a more social context. More coffee shops, restaurants, abd parks for families. Local produce, hand made/home made products.</i>
<i>Less dog poo and litter!</i>
<i>Town</i>
<i>Clean up the litter and keep grass and bushes/trees neat and tidy</i>
<i>Have more things to do</i>

<i>Close the halfway houses in the town.</i>
<i>stop cars parking everywhere</i>
<i>Safer town and more retail outlets</i>
<i>.. that despite half its residents want to see change, that there are some who want to never want to see this</i>
<i>Some shared activity to improve community feel eg Improving an area within community</i>
<i>Stop building and keep green spaces.</i>
<i>More litter bins</i>
<i>Flowers on verges and planted pavement greenspaces to benefit biodiversity and bring joy</i>
<i>More clubs and events so people meet socially... We're near to a school but no events in the evening or weekends. Nothing on meetup. Com either. My 7 year old says it needs more colour.</i>
<i>I would like to see a community centre/ village hall near where I live.</i>
<i>Community</i>
<i>Get rid of the drug addicts and alcoholicd</i>
<i>Less drug addicts and homeless in town</i>
<i>Invest in improving roads, bus services & shops. Stop charging huge shop rents to get good local shops back!</i>
<i>More shops</i>
<i>More independent shops. The homeless/drug problem is getting out of hand and puts me off going any near the main town! More flowers and cherry blossoms :)</i>
<i>Better bus service</i>
<i>Combat anti social behaviour</i>
<i>Put up cctv because of the recent car fires and vandlisim in my street.</i>
<i>Help improve green spaces. So children have more safer and entertaining things to do. Try to encourage retailers to come to St Autsell town instead of the outskirts. Police the area more regularly to help stop drug/ drunken behaviour and make residents feel safer.</i>

<i>More high street shops, more funky cafes, bars and restaurants, palm trees on the roundabouts (like in Falmouth)</i>
<i>Better maintenance of trees, hedgerows, verges, footpaths and roads.</i>
<i>Better shops and services. Crack down on anti social behaviour in town. Better public transport. Better infrastructure</i>
<i>Better park seats, dimmer lights, more fruit trees, wildlife look out tower, more telescopes and electric bike scheme x</i>
<i>Improve the shops</i>
<i>Better town planning this has been poor ,lower business rates to many charity shops .community support officer to deal with people that constantly threaten young women and other vulnerable people making the town centre unattractive and unsafe to visit .</i>
<i>Clean it up</i>
<i>Better parks and indoor play spaces for toddlers</i>
<i>Move the druggies and drunks out of town</i>
<i>Summer festival</i>
<i>Contribute to my community</i>
<i>Have localised community events</i>
<i>Closer shops</i>
<i>Improve shops, move the hostels or at least impose restrictions, more activity for young children</i>
<i>Better shops</i>
<i>More jobs</i>
<i>Some more traders would be nice.</i>
<i>Some unusual one off shops.</i>
<i>I wish dog owners would pick up after their dogs</i>
<i>Eviction in mass</i>
<i>Voluntary work</i>
<i>To feel safer in the town centre at night.</i>
<i>More clothes shops</i>

<i>Something more for the kids. Laser tag, better bowling alley, trampolines, 6d cinema...</i>
<i>Minimise traffic</i>
<i>More community police officers</i>
<i>Not so many empty shops</i>
<i>Better roads</i>
<i>Clean up verges, streets, encourage better and more shops - if TK Max ever leaves I would not visit the town centre. Make sure freeholders keep their properties maintained and encourage them to lower rents (?) so perhaps more single owner businesses might consider setting up shop in one of the many vacant properties.....</i>
<i>More schools, less traffic,</i>
<i>Community events to get everyone involved.</i>
<i>Not sure</i>
<i>To do something positive for the addicts and homeless in St Austell.... not to be so intimidating on an evening</i>
<i>Edible St Austell - models like this</i>
<i>No litter - more environment concisous</i>
<i>I got elected to the town council to fight for a better town</i>
<i>get empty shops reopened.</i>
<i>clean litter</i>
<i>cleanness and friendliness</i>
<i>New neighbours</i>
<i>get better shops</i>
<i>bring my boyfriend down + deport everyone else I hate</i>
<i>More meetups with people around the area</i>
<i>Less trouble in town. Make it safer + cleaner</i>
<i>Gardens</i>
<i>Shop diversity</i>
<i>The town centre is struggling to survive. Are shops charged too high rents?</i>
<i>Community gardens</i>

<i>Clear up rubbish especially on High Cross Street, around STAK</i>
<i>More gardening</i>
<i>Pick up litter</i>
<i>More trees - I hate to see large ones being cut down</i>
<i>Get rid of litter. Improve drainage, weed parks and use for edible displays</i>
<i>Not sure</i>
<i>More new large trees</i>
<i>build community + confidence in it</i>
<i>Get rid of Treverbyn Parish council</i>
<i>red apple</i>
<i>yes</i>
<i>Move 'wet' houses out f town! Reinvigorate local pride</i>
<i>There is a significant amount of poverty + large gap between highest + lowest incomes. More support should be available for poorest residents</i>
<i>Less building</i>
<i>Community activity</i>

Full responses for: If no or maybe, please explain why

<i>Not too sure</i>
<i>We grow quite a. It of our own veg. Eg from the public space no idea what so,done could put on it or spray itvsith</i>
<i>Time</i>
<i>You don't know what's been there</i>
<i>Don't trust it's not been tampered with</i>
<i>Would need to be local and gain knowledge about it</i>
<i>If I felt it was well managed</i>
<i>As long as it was clearly signed as something to share</i>
<i>Time</i>
<i>Would worry about contamination</i>
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<i>Not in st austell can't trust anyone and could be poisoned</i>
<i>Age</i>
<i>Wouldn't know if safe to eat</i>
<i>In this town, unfortunately some one will have urinated on it or vomited on it. They have done in my own garden as we live on a route from a pub to a fast food 'restaurant '</i>
<i>I'm not sure what you mean.</i>
<i>Would be worried about the hygiene.</i>
<i>We have a big garden and plan to build up fruit trees and bushes</i>
<i>Don't know whats been put on it</i>
<i>suffer from arthritis, once I'm down..il need to be picked up</i>
<i>Imagine if everyone foraged for food there wouldn't be any left!</i>
<i>Would be happy to pick food out of dog or cat fouling reach.</i>
<i>Would want to feel it was a safe space not frequented by gangs, had problems down Linear park last summer.</i>

<i>I only foraged on the shoreline (shellfish ect)</i>
<i>Would need to feel it was rightly mine</i>
<i>Would worry about tampering (sadly)</i>
<i>Contamination</i>
<i>Depends on where and how</i>
<i>Yes but concerned about safety</i>
<i>Sometimes not sure if you can pick fruit that you see on a tree ?</i>
<i>Full time carer, not much time off</i>
<i>Not sure</i>
<i>Not sure on laws around this</i>
<i>depends how dodgy it is</i>
<i>Because others have touched it</i>
<i>Because LIDL has good apples</i>
<i>Personal choice</i>
<i>maybe because sometimes dogs pee on the food</i>
<i>yes but only if others didn't need it</i>
<i>need to know no contamination given mining history</i>
<i>dogs</i>
<i>I have my own</i>